

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**[February 10th, 2023 ]**

**ATTENDEES:** Laury, Yaye, Amina, Samia, Oromiya, Marie, Evans, Mugasha, Emmanuel, Richard, Gift, Alson

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh and we recognize the importance of this acknowledging that this land has never been granted, surrendered nor sold to any government but taken by force.

### **ROUNDS**

(Name,, Access needs, What's your favorite thing about BHM?)

- Laury, she her hers, Different events Black Joy
- Samia, she her hers, access needs met, play list at work is better
- Marie, she her hers, Black history month is the best month ever, loves seeing more African food
- Oromiya, she her, hers, being black, everyone liking her and being nice and saying yes to me and all events
- Mugasha, access needs not met at the moment, he/him, A bunch of free food and comedy Night
- Yaye, she her, access needs met, feeling of community
- Amina, she/her, access needs, the food is my favorite

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Approved**
  - **Jan 27th -**
    - **2. [DRAFT] Meeting Agenda - General Membership Meeting - Jan 2...**

[APPROVED unanimously]

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP**

- **President - Laury**
  - Planning last minutes details on BHM events, especially
  - Coordinating and Following up with Execs on different Tasks that have been allocated w/ BHM and SFSS

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- Liaising with the SFSS on Staff Updates and Updates with Cupe
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- Vice President - Emmanuel
  - Coordinating w/ the team w/ BHM events
  - Prepping Movie Night
  - Working w/ Laury about planning for BHM
  - Checking Emails
  - Making sure promotions are done and sent
  - Meeting w/ SFSS to talk about possible partnerships and sponsoring the movie night
  - Working w/ Mason for the events on the Basketball Game
  - Shopping for snacks for events
- External Relations Officer - Oromiya
  - Had a meeting w/ Triple H president regarding future events
    - Event will be about microsoft, and will talk w/ microsoft executives about this event.
    - Waiting to hear back to have a meeting
- Internal Relations Officer - Amina
  - Having TD CEC meetings
  - BHM Library
  - Women's centre collab
- Secretary - Gift
  - No updates given
- Treasurer (and Finances report) - Samia
  - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
    - Trust: \$6,737.77
    - Levy:
    - Soca CG core fund: \$1,125
    - Staff Dept Levy
    - Scotiabank (external): \$200 added \$1200
    - Grant funding:
  - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse): Not done, -
  - Cheque requisitions have been mailed out
  - Other: Planning on having a bank signatory next Friday, Funds allocated w/ ASA is done.
- Events Coordinator - Mugasha
  - Meeting w/ Tunji along w/ Exec-at Large.

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- Shortlisting the performers who will be performing on Comedy Night
- Working out the kinks for Comedy Night
- Monday planning on meeting w/ Venue people to see if we can work the lighting on our own along w/ Exec at Large
- First Year Rep - Vacant
- Grad Rep - Vacant
- FIC Rep - Richard
  - Helping to plan and set up movie night
  - Making changes to posters
  - Updated PS5 Games
- Execs at large
  - Marie
    - Supports with making and posting social media content for all our BHM events
    - Reaching out to cg's, student unions, centers and offices, etc., to ask them to post our events and invite their membership
    - Reaching membership and surveying them regarding which movie they'd like to watch for our movie night, and who they think are excelling Black students so we can give prizes to them at cultural night and the Black history month basketball event
    - Seeing how much it will be to get awards for these folks and will send to Laurie
    - Emails and responding to relevant info for my portfolio
    - Looking into working out details regarding comedy night including
      - Volunteers
      - Venue
      - Catering
      - Setting up eventbrite
      - Meeting with SFU to discuss if they can cover costs including renting the venue (very possible)
      - AV Support
      - Shortlisting open mixers
      - Arranged for Monday to look at the space
      - Peak frequency
    - Supporting with the opening ceremony
- SOCA BSSC Staff Support - Currently on Leave
- Other Assigned Members and Items
  - None in the room at the moment

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## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- No specific matters

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- BHM Events still happening
  - Games night
    - Tonight and watching Judas and the Black Messiah
    - Giveaways tonight with food
  - Dance workshop - Book a spot
    - 20 spots booked so far!
    - 5 left!
    - Tuesday 14th of Feb
    - Finalizing of black students who will win an award will be sent out later this week
  - Panel discussion - Collab w/ Equity Office - Book a spot
    - Found a venue
    - Able to get catering
    - Giveaway
  - Cultural Night
    - Everything for the event has been confirmed
    - Building team contacted President and the initial capacity is a little more than what they can handle
    - Don't have enough seats for 150 people, 121 would be better
    - We dropped the number of attendees to 120
    - Get tickets.
    - Caterer has been finalized (Various African Caterers)
    - Need volunteers to help serve food on the day of, since we can't use the service the caterers are providing due to SFSS guidelines.
    - We need to rent serving dishes to keep the food warm, another guideline (Fraser Health)
    - Marie; Can help volunteer
    - Lairy; Looking for performers (singers, dancers, etc.) please reach out to Events coordinator, Exec-at Larger.
  - Comedy Night
    - Four performances, (Insert names)
    - Tunji main performer
    - Drinks will be provided

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- 7:30 - 9: 00 PM changed the time since we thought it was better
- SFSS will help them with smaller details
- Araba helped getting that support
- Finalizing the details of the event
- Everything should be posted by Monday
- Eventbrite should be done by the end of next week (Friday 17th)
- Volunteers get a free seat!
- Richard; Do you have to be an SFU student to volunteer?
- Marie; FIC or SFU students are alright, even Alumni. Must let either Marie or Mugasha know asap.
- The price is negotiated down to 50% of tickets.
- First 50 students (SFU) is \$5 rest is \$25
- Go Fund Me for a Student in Need
  - Students in need of financial support, asked SOCA for support if possible.
  - Laury discussed w/ the exec team, we don't have that framework or capacity to help out
  - We can help them get into contact w/ specific coordinators who are responsible with situations such as these
  - Laury; suggested on a GoFundMe where SOCA execs and members can donate and help promote
  - Mugasha; Do we know of the student?
  - Laury; Cannot give out information, but we can only give out certain information regarding their situation.
  - Marie; This is done to help the student "get back on their feet" so they are able to get those funds to help them get back into SFU, which is where the GoFundMe comes in
  - Laury; It wasn't the student that reached out, it was the case manager.
  - Mugasha; Wanted to know if we could promote/create a story?
  - Laury; That's what we're doing today so we know what to promote/create.
  - Oromiya; How much are they asking?
  - Laury; \$10,000(?)
  - Mugasha; Has the case manager reached out to other groups?
  - Laury; Potentially? But we are here to just suggest a potential GoFundMe
  - Marie; Can help set it up, but needs support
  - Laury; Can help out as well

#### **COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE**

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee
  - Not running

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- Cultural Events Committee
  - BHM committee
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
  - Collab w/ UBC, not a monetary collab.
- BCSC Committee
  - No updates
- Dance Team
  - Performing at the BHM Basketball Game
  - Laury and Angela will be a part of the performance
  - Anyone else interested can join
  - Half the choreography is done.
  - Dancers will be compensated
  - Rough estimate \$500
  - Thursday, February 16th
  - Alson; Down to join. Will also be hosting the game
- NSA
  - No updates
- SSA
  - No updates

## MOTIONS

### 1. **Extra Funds for BHM Cultural Night Event**

Whereas BHM cultural Night is to be held on the 24th of February and extra funds are needed;

Whereas there are extra funds in Line items Back to School Collaboration with UBC of \$500, Black History Month Intro Ceremony of \$645 and Black History Month Panel Discussion of \$1000;

Be it resolved that SOCA approves of the total amount \$2145 from Line items Back to School Collaboration with UBC, Black History Month Intro Ceremony and Black History Month Panel Discussion to fund extra cost of catering services and award allocated to excelling Black students that will be given at the cultural night.

**Moved by [ Samia ] / seconded by [ Marie ]**

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**CARRIED Unanimously**

## **2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Motion for Nominating Committee**

**Whereas**, Nominating Committee is to be struck for formation of elections and policies,

**Be it resolved that** Samia Ishimwe, Marie Haddad, Evans Munene, X be appointed as per constitution VI.6, and in the event that someone else is interested from membership, they be appointed from amongst to occupy the third and fourth seat on the Nominating Committee at a future meeting

**Moved by [ Mugasha ] / seconded by [ Samia ]**

**CARRIED unanimously**

## **3. Exec Retreat**

Whereas the SOCA executive Team has allocated funds in the Levy Fund for an Exec transition retreat.

Whereas this retreat will be used for executives to bond and connect more for moral purposes.

Whereas typically, annually executives go on this retreat.

Be it resolved, SOCA approves the amount of \$500 from line item “Execs Transition Retreats, Training and Leadership Development” to fund the exec retreat anticipated to take place on the 4th of March 2023.

**Moved by [ Laury ] / seconded by [ Yaye ]**

**CARRIED unanimously**

**Whereas**

**Be it resolved**

**Moved by [ ] / seconded by [ ]**

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### **ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC**

- Action Items
  - Budget - Samia is working on it for next year

### **OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

1. No issues or concerns mentioned

**Meeting Adjournment moved by [ Marie ] , Seconded by [ Amina ]**

Meeting Adjourned at [6:02 PM]